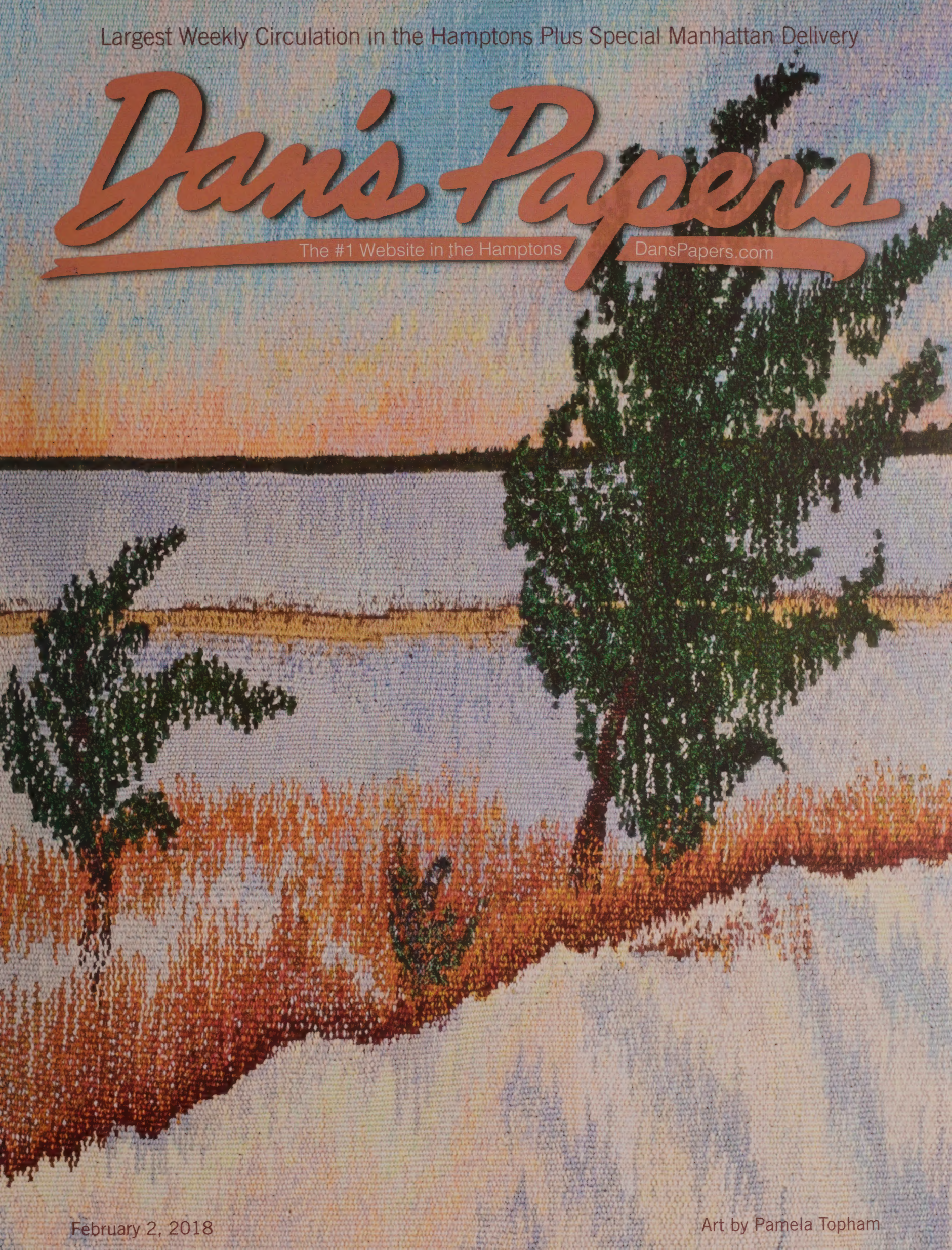


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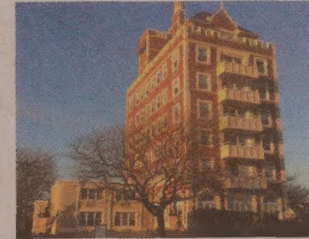
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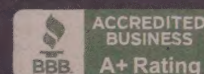
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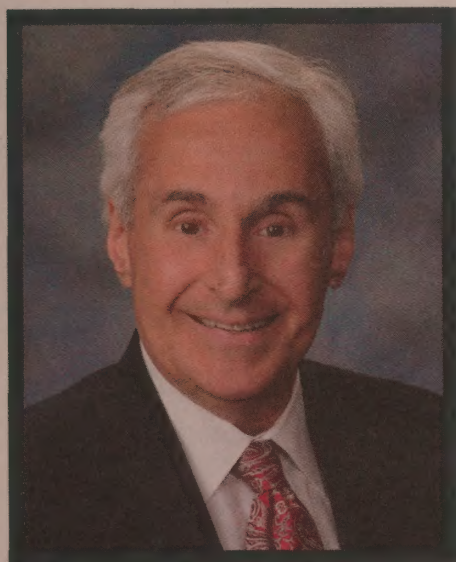
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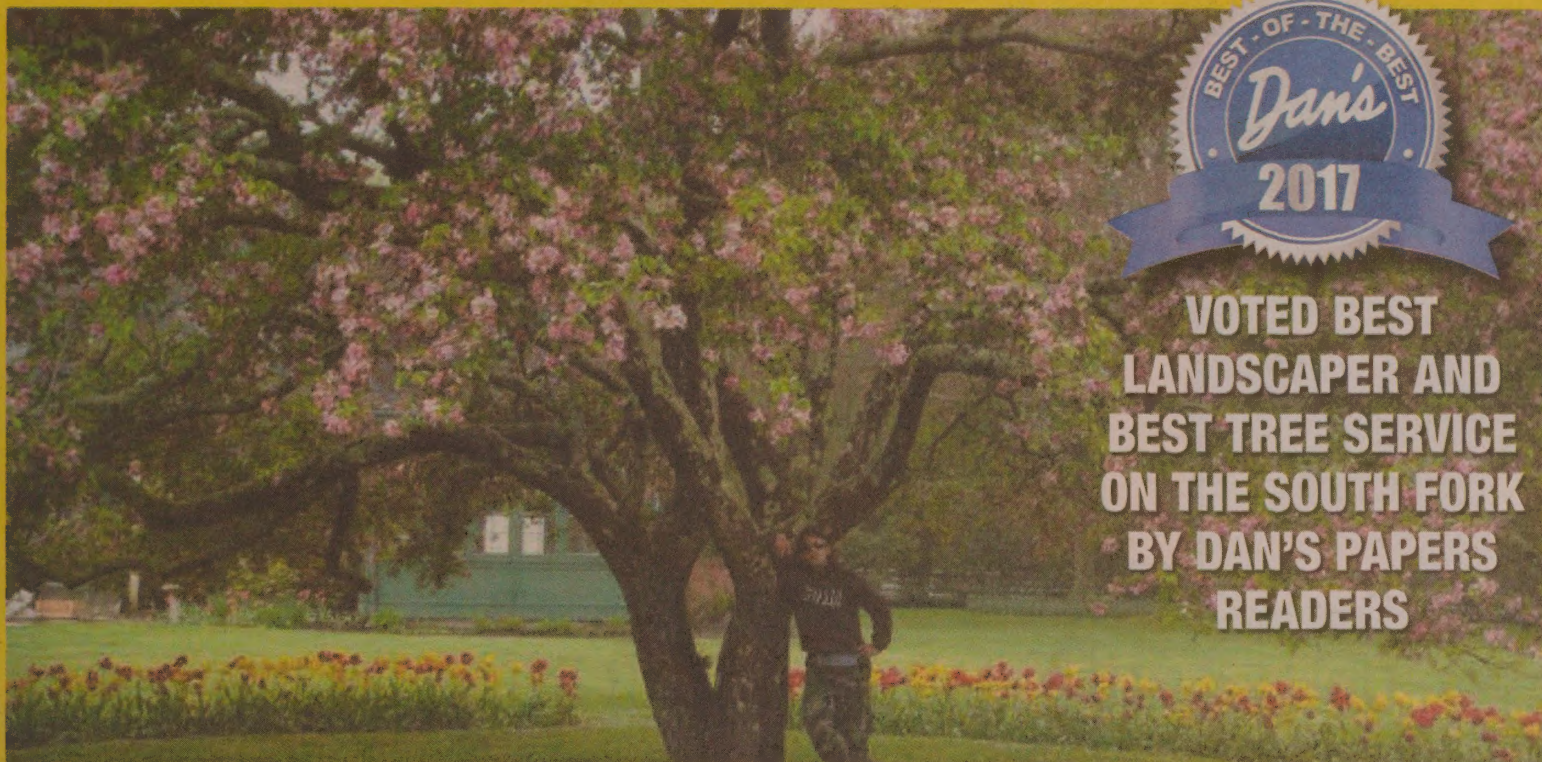
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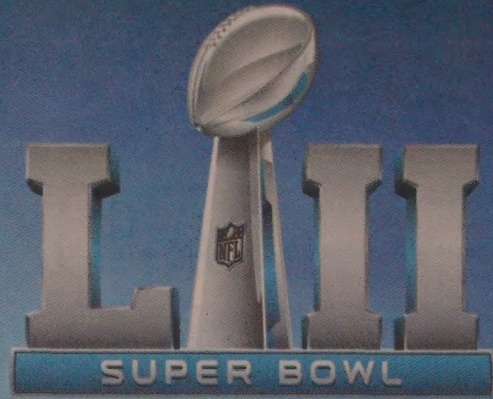
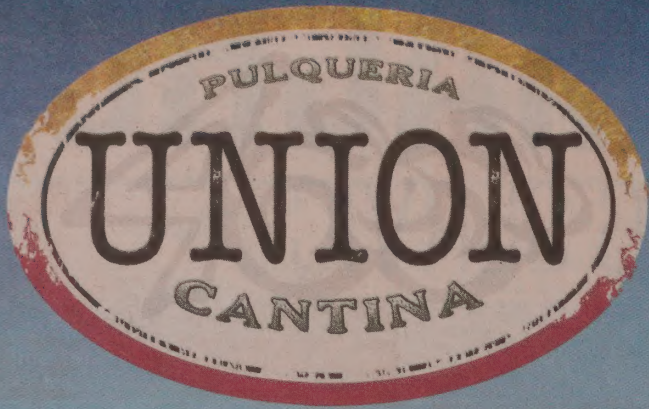


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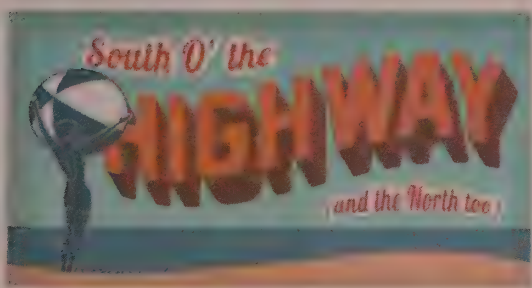


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East Hampton's **Jon Bon Jovi** is about to release his own French rosé, the 2017 vintage of Diving Into Hampton Water—inspired by his family's time spent Out East. At \$25 a bottle, this collaboration between the singer and French winemaker **Gérard Bertrand** will likely be a popular pink drink this season.

The 2018 Grammys were full of surprises, especially for East End nominees. East Hampton's **Jay-Z** had an impressive eight nominations, more than any other artist this year, but went home empty-handed, losing all of his categories to either **Bruno Mars** or **Kendrick Lamar**. Jay-Z and his mother, **Gloria Carter**, will be honored at the GLAAD Media Awards in recognition for her coming out on "Smile," a track on his Grammy nominated album 4:44. The 29th Annual GLAAD Media Awards will take place April 12 in Los Angeles and again on May 5 in New York. Sag Harbor icon **Billy Joel** won the Grammy for Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album for contributing a new duet version of 1976's "New York State of Mind" to **Tony Bennett Celebrates 90**. **Tony Bennett** and all the other artists who collaborated on the tribute took home Grammys for the album, including **Lady Gaga**, **Michael Bublé**, **Elton John**, **Stevie Wonder** and Montauk's **Rufus Wainwright**. (And Joel keeps tickling the ivories: he just set his 100th career appearance at New York's Madison Square Garden, and the 54th of his residency, for July 18.)

Amagansett's **Jerry Seinfeld** won something even better than a Grammy—a consolation puppy. Host **James Corden** felt bad for the nominees who lost for Best Comedy Album to **Dave Chapelle**, so he gave them each a bundle of fur to ease the pain. The surprises didn't end there. While not a nominee herself, Hamptons regular **Hillary Clinton** made a shocking "appearance" with a prerecorded sketch of her reading an excerpt from **Michael Wolff's** tell-all book about the Trump White House, *Fire and Fury*. In the video, celebrities including **John Legend**, **Cardi B**, **DJ Khaled**, **Snoop Dogg** and **Cher** perform mock auditions alongside Clinton to determine who will be the narrator of the *Fire and Fury* audio book.

On the big screens: *Killer Bees*, the hit documentary about the Bridgehampton School's legendary basketball team that premiered at the 2017 Hamptons International Film Festival, has been signed for national distribution! Hamptons regular and famous foodie **Sandra Lee** premiered a documentary during the Sundance Film Festival (Continued on page 14)

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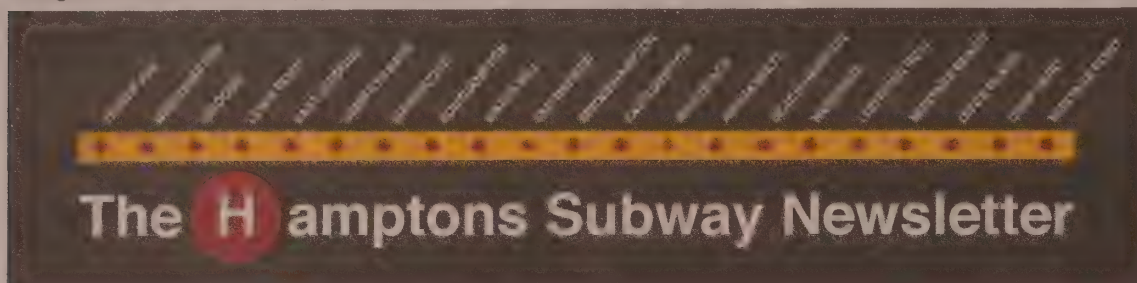
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DOWN IN THE TUBE

Painter Audrey Flack was seen traveling from East Hampton to Amagansett on the subway Friday afternoon. Author Gail Sheehy was seen riding from Georgica to Bridgehampton on Wednesday morning. Actor Harris Yulin was seen on Thursday morning going from Southampton to Shinnecock, and philanthropist Sheri Sandler was seen Tuesday morning traveling from Westhampton Beach to Quogue. All will receive Academy of the Arts Achievement Awards from Guild Hall next month.

DELAY BETWEEN GEORGICA AND WAINSCOTT

Riders will experience a five-minute delay when traveling westbound from Georgica toward Waincott halfway between the two stops. Two piping plovers and their babies have taken up residence in a nest set in the tunnel wall where a chunk of concrete has created a niche. Three days ago, a motorman driving a

westbound B train saw the birds there flutter a bit as he rumbled by and reported it to the Commissioner. On the one hand, piping plovers are an endangered species, but on the other they are not supposed to be in the subway. They nest at the beach. Until this gets sorted out, the Commissioner has ordered all trains to slow down to a crawl as they approach that spot. Riders on the subway cars can see the nest and the little family out the window because the niche is at eye level. Remain quiet and still as the site is passed. This slow-down might persist for weeks or months as the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Transportation wrestle for jurisdiction. Further intervention has occurred with the arrival of officials from the Port Authority of New York and the Suffolk County Board of Health.

HAILING A SUBWAY?

A man from Ohio was arrested on the Southampton platform yesterday for trying to hail a subway. He raised his right arm, the train approached and the motorman, thinking there was something on the tracks, stopped the train where the man was, resulting in the last three cars not arriving at the platform. The

motorman lowered the window to talk to the man who said he was told to do that by some of his friends who had been to New York City. If he didn't, the train wouldn't stop. It did stop, so what was the problem? Voices were raised, the ruckus was observed by Subway Police and people in the back three cars were yelling. The man was arrested, charged and released until his arraignment on the condition he not do that again. He is wearing an ankle bracelet. At the man's request, we will not release his name at this time.

SMART PHONE CHARGERS REMOVED

The chargers, which were put in place on platform poles everywhere last Friday, were supposed to be a new convenience for riders. But nobody has ever been seen using one, since everyone just wants to rush to get on the train. All 14 are being put into storage—well, make that eleven. Three are reported missing.

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

The Commissioner had hoped to have the proposed Wi-Fi installed throughout the system by this weekend so riders could watch the Super Bowl on the subway's security cam screens Sunday, but it is not going to happen. Instead, conductors who shout "watch out for the closing doors" will add commentary about the score, what quarter it is and who is winning.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

As we won't have the Wi-Fi in place in time, I have decided to not watch the game on TV at home but instead join with our treasured customers riding the trains during the game, getting the info from the updates. 📺



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HAMPTONS POLICE BLOW LEAF PILE RING

Based on several calls received two weeks ago, the Hamptons Police on Wednesday blew open a wide-ranging scheme to deceive and defraud homeowners who use leaf-blowing services. The police arrested seven people connected with the ring, and said that more arrests were imminent. At a news conference announcing the busts, Hamptons Police spokesman Larry Hirsch explained how the fraud was being

carried out across the East End. "The callers who tipped us off, who will remain anonymous, had noticed that leaf blowers were still being used in January," Hirsch told reporters. "Naturally, they wondered why someone would need to blow leaves around in January—the trees are bare, there aren't many leaves left on the grass. So it was a mystery." According to Hirsch, officers followed up on the callers' concerns and quickly uncovered a highly organized criminal enterprise. "Several undercover units staked out properties where the leaf blowers had been heard. Over the course of several nights, the units were somewhat astonished to witness crews of workers making middle-of-the-night deliveries of leaves to these properties." When reporters expressed skepticism about these police findings, Hirsch revealed that the undercover units had been able to obtain footage of the leaf deliveries, using infrared lenses to capture movements

in the dark, and that the police would make these images public shortly. "You may find it difficult to believe, but I've seen the video. These crews would quietly disperse a truckload of leaves across a property, using only rakes and tarps, and then they would take off. That would take about 15 minutes. The next morning, another crew would show up and blow all of the leaves OFF of the property and carefully load the leaves back into another truck." Hirsch said investigators believe there were only four trucks full of leaves, and these same leaves were being recycled for reuse on properties throughout the area in order that crews could charge to blow them off over and over again. "We have impounded three of the trucks with the leaves inside, leaving we believe one truckload of leaves out there. We're asking the public to check their yards—if there are a lot of leaves on them, we want to know about it."

LEAF BLOWERS AGAIN?

Local officials ordered a crackdown on local restaurants that have been using leaf blowers to clear the dishes off tables after customers leave. "It's absurd," said Randy Blaser of the East End Restaurant Policy Board. "We've made it clear that we don't want excessive noise due to music, and they turn around and start using deafening, gas-powered leaf blowers to send dishes flying all over the place. It has to stop!" 📢

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Fireside Sessions with Nancy Atlas and Friends Rocked Out!

Nancy Atlas and her band closed out the final weekend of the 5th annual Fireside Sessions at Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor, sponsored by Dan's Papers, with two stellar, sold-out shows! The Friday, January 26 jam with local bands featured special guests, guitarists G.E. Smith of *Saturday Night Live* fame and Mike Riley of Pure Prairie League. Saturday's New Orleans-themed show was sanctified with the sounds of special guests Clark Gayton on horn and singer Bill Malchow. Dan's Hampton Media presented Atlas and the band with a special commemorative montage of photos from the first five years of Fireside Sessions. *Bon mardi gras!* Photographs by Barbara Lassen



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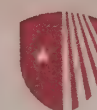
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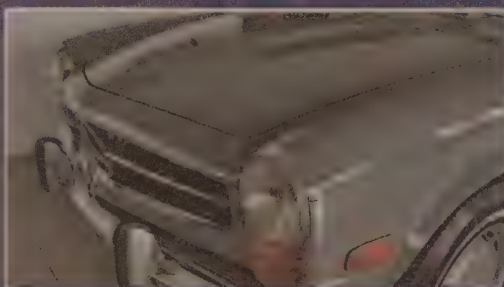
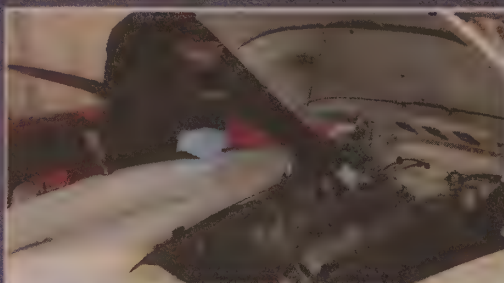
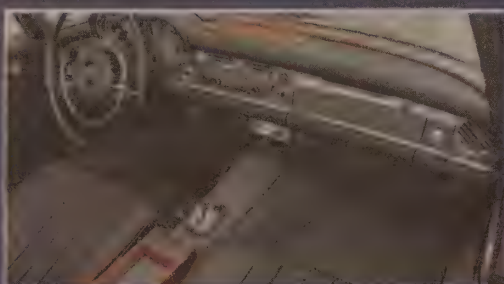
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in Utah last week. *RX Early Detection: A Cancer Journey with Sandra Lee* chronicles Lee's experience battling breast cancer in 2015, and features footage of Lee with her family and longtime partner **Gov. Andrew Cuomo**. Lee said in a statement, "I hope my experience will have impact and meaning while shedding light on early detection, and motivate everyone to take action."

Coldplay, helmed by Amagansett's **Chris Martin**, recently cracked the Top 10 Grossing Tours in Billboard Boxscore history. The band's *A Head Full of Dreams* Tour earned \$523 million during its two-year run, giving them the No. 3 spot behind U2 and the Rolling Stones. Coldplay's top-earning concert in that time was a two-show gig at Brazil's São Paulo Allianz Parque stadium, which brought in \$10.4 million in ticket sales. The Billboard Boxscore ranking utilizes tour data dating back to 1990.

On the small screens: **Gwyneth Paltrow** stopped by the *Late Show with Stephen Colbert* last Thursday to promote her In Goop Health Summit. The gathering, which featured cutting-edge panels of health-defining doctors and experts along with a hall of experiential activations, took place over last weekend in New York. Paltrow is also eyeing a new endeavor: talk-show host. After hosting *Planet of the Apps*, Apple Music's 10-episode reality competition, Paltrow is reportedly being courted by Apple TV for a daytime show along the lines of **Chelsea Handler's Chelsea**. Amagansett's **Lorne Michaels** teamed up with **Seth Myers** on the new comedy that began airing on NBC on February 1. *A.P. Bio* stars **Glenn Howerton**—of *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*—fame—as Jack Griffin, a disgraced Harvard philosophy scholar who loses out on his dream job and is forced to return to Toledo, Ohio, to work as a high school Advanced Placement Biology teacher. **Patton Oswalt** stars as Principal Durbin. Water Mill's **Jennifer Lopez** will appear in an upcoming episode of *Will & Grace*. The singer and actress guest-starred as herself on the comedy during its original run in 2004. North Fork fashion designer **Alex Vinash** made a national splash during the 75th Golden Globes ceremony. Vinash, who runs a clothing boutique in Greenport's American Beech, designed a gown worn by *E! News* correspondent **Erin Lim**. The all-black dress featured beading, organza ruffles and a lot of handwork. Animal advocate **Jill Rappaport**, of Water Mill, is the host and consulting producer of Animal Planet's first-ever *Dog Bowl*, airing Saturday, February 3. A spinoff of the network's popular (Continued on page 20)

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Jackson Pollock carves a turkey while Lee Krasner and Stella Pollock, his mother, wonder if it's now a work of art. Springs, 1950.

Courtesy Pollock Krasner House

Dinner with Jackson

Dozens Celebrate Jackson Pollock on His Birthday

BY DAN RATTINER

A couple of weeks ago, I got an invitation to attend a birthday dinner given for Jackson Pollock here in Springs. It would be on Sunday, January 28, from 5 to 9, and it would not be at his house on Springs Fireplace Road, but at the Springs Tavern, which is right up the street from his house on Fort Pond Boulevard. Food served would be from a cookbook of Jackson's favorite recipes.

I spoke to my wife about whether we should go or not. We are both four-star Michelin cooks in that publication's little known "private" chef home edition—maybe you've heard of this—and our initial reaction was (well, at least her initial reaction) was yuck, we'll just get a can of beans or something. Jackson was notoriously poor back in the day. He also drank a lot. He sometimes swapped paintings for food at the Miller General Store (now the Springs General Store) around the corner from his house when he was out of money. You'd see him on his bike. But we decided to go.

I'd never met Jackson Pollock. He died in a car crash shortly before I started *Dan's Papers* in Montauk in 1960. But I did write about him. He was the most famous painter on the planet. And he hung out at a run-down bar called Jungle Pete's on Fort Pond Boulevard. After he died, I

went there to talk to some of the locals about his time there. I've never forgotten that day I did that. Here I was, 20 years old, parking my tail-finned Ford convertible next to all these pickup trucks at a joint named Jungle Pete's. Inside were a bunch of shabbily dressed fishermen, half in the bag, sitting at the bar, talking loudly to one another in their almost unintelligible Bonac accent, and in comes this well-dressed Jewish kid wanting to know about Jackson.

"Go home, kid, we don't know nothin'. He was a good guy. Sure we had to carry him home sometimes. Each of us gets carried home every once in a while. We don't want you writin' anything bad about him."

One of them came out with me to where I parked my car. He wanted to know about the tailfins and did it have power steering, which it did. Then he went back inside.

Jungle Pete's is now the Springs Tavern. It would be nice to go back.

Also, as I knew, a few years ago a writer from Australia named Robyn Lea was poking around at Jackson's house, doing a story about this man whose paintings sell for tens of millions of dollars today—the house is now a museum and study space, open by invitation this time of year—and in the pantry Lea came upon lots of fancy pots and pans that you might only see at the home of what today we would call

a foodie. Since the house has been restored to look exactly as it did when Pollock and his wife, Lee Krasner, lived there back in the day, including beds, sofas and furnishings, Lea kinda wondered what they ate.

Several well-worn cookbooks were in that pantry, and tucked into them here and there were recipes clipped out of newspapers from that time, as well as handwritten recipes from Jackson's mother, from neighbors and friends, some recipes Lee wrote in her careful hand, and some that Jackson wrote in his big scrawl. Jackson was a terrific cook! Who knew! And he was a terrific gardener!

The Hamptons back then in the 1940s and 1950s was a cornucopia of good things to eat that you could grow, gather and get yourself. There were fish in the sea, clams in the bays, corn you could plant, strawberries, vegetables, potatoes, even local bottles of milk from nearby dairy cows. We still have lots of stuff like that today. And the Pollocks had a garden out back.

Earlier, in 1946, an art dealer in Manhattan thought Jackson Pollock was a genius. Her name was Peggy Guggenheim, and she made this deal with Jackson and Lee that they should move out from their ratty Manhattan apartment to this house she'd rent for them in East Hampton for a year or two, give them a monthly stipend, and, in exchange for (Continued on next page)

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that, Peggy would get all the paintings Jackson made during those two years.

The Pollocks loved it out here. Away from the New York City art scene, he produced his best work, not only in those two years but in the five years that followed before the car crash, not only in his studio behind the house but in the backyard leading down to Accabonac Harbor, where he brought out a stepladder, began playing music on his records real loud with the back door open, and developed his slashing, passionate drip paintings, dripping paint from his perch on the ladder to the canvas on the ground below.

The owner of the Miller Store, who was still the same owner who was there in the 1960s and when I bought groceries there in the 1980s, told me that the paintings Jackson had swapped for food had paid the way for all his children to go to college.

Last year, Robyn Lea's cookbook, *Dinner with Jackson Pollock*, appeared. It's a big, hardcover coffee table affair from Assouline. In it are 59 recipes that Lea found in the Pollock's pantry, with the handwritten notes and newspaper clippings to prove it. There are also pictures of Jackson and Lee cooking. And pictures of Jackson painting. There was an annual Fisherman's Fair back then—we still have it every August—and one year Jackson's entry won the apple pie contest. The recipe's in the book. Also the recipe for Jackson's Classic Rye Bread (he baked!), Jackson's Famous Spaghetti Sauce, and the recipes brought over by Jackson

and Lee's friends when they came for dinner parties held at their big, round dining table that seated 10 (that's still in the house, too). These guests were painters and sculptors and critics who—with Jackson here, and the north light in Springs considered phenomenal for painting—moved out after the Pollocks did, to paint and sculpt and develop an artist colony here that, for several generations, was considered the center of the Abstract Expressionist art world. In Jackson's pantry cookbooks, Lea found recipes for Elaine de Kooning's Fruit and Grain Salad, Perle Fine's Bouillabaisse, Rita Benton's Pecan Torte with Mocha Frosting, and on and on.

So here is what we ate on January 28 at the former Jungle Pete's at our appointed dinner reservation at 6:30 p.m.

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Creamy Onion Soup with Cross-Country
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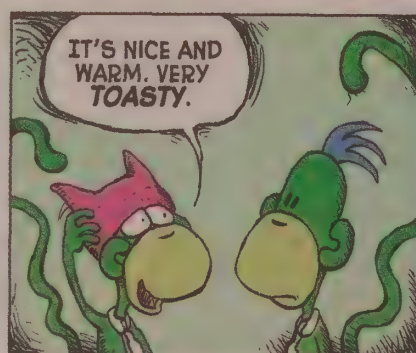
DESSERT CHOICE OF

Brandy Peaches w. Soft Custard
Raspberry Poached Pears w. Bavarian Cream

The place was packed with celebrants. Usually the five TV screens that line the walls of the dining room and bar here are tuned to basketball, hockey, tennis and golf. On this day, the ones in the dining area were a slide show of Krasner's paintings, Pollock's paintings, the two cooking together, Pollock drip-painting in the yard, Krasner and Pollock in their dining room. They were there. We were here. We sang "Happy birthday, dear Jackson." And the food was wonderful, particularly Jackson's special spaghetti sauce. I am not kidding. What they ate then was as good as what we eat cooking at home or eating in restaurants now. And Helen Harrison, the director of the Pollock-Krasner House, said maybe this would be the first of many birthday parties at the Springs Tavern this year.

"Bill de Kooning's birthday is in April," she said. "I'd go."

Happy Birthday, Jackson. We drink to you. Local wine. 🍷





Wrong Addresses

Congressman Zeldin Proposes Bill to Fix Missent Mail

BY DAN RATTINER

Forty years ago, when I bought a house on a hillside overlooking a sunset behind boats in an East Hampton harbor, I thought the name of the street was just so cool. The street was, and is, Three Mile Harbor Hog Creek Road. About a half-mile down from where I live on Three Mile Harbor Hog Creek Road is a little inlet off the harbor known as Soak Hides Dreen. Dreen is an old English term for a kind of muddy wetlands. The word is not used anymore (it was replaced by “drain”), but I’ve seen it used in Renaissance literature. The Hamptons were English settlements in the 1600s.

That first year I made stationery that declared I lived on “Three Mile Harbor Hog Creek Road by Soak Hides Dreen.” Adding that little bit didn’t seem to bother the post office. I still got my mail. I loved living in a fascinating and historic old New England town in a district frequented by descendants of baymen from that era, known as Bonackers. They had their own old English dialect. They still do. And they named roads Abrahams Path, Springs Fireplace

Road, Widow Gavits Road and even Ely Brook to Hands Creek Road.

But then there came trouble with the post office. Sometime around 1990, the post office created an online database of all the streets in America. If someone wrote an address using a name of a street different from the post office’s database, the computer would fix it to conform to the database.

Unfortunately, Three Mile Harbor Hog Creek Road, with or without Soak Hides Dreen, was not in that database. After other delivery services hooked into the Postal Service’s database, such things as refrigerators from P.C. Richard or medicines from Squibb occasionally got delivered to the same street number as my house, but at Three Mile Harbor Drive, five miles away. Thus I got to know a Mr. Menofitch, who lived in that house. It’s not been pretty, though. He delivers to me. But the computer doesn’t automatically reroute things sent to his address back to mine.

I’ve actually been on hand when, over the phone, my health insurance company employee types in my address correctly and then, without

changing anything, prints out a label with Mr. Menofitch’s address on it. Extraordinary.

I’ve solved this by other means. Important mail now is routed to a safer address. I have to go fetch it. So I do.

It has also occurred to me that having this glitch in mail delivery could cripple America as easily as a hacker breaking into a database somewhere.

Of course, there are others who have to deal with this problem. Twenty years ago, near Riverhead, the residents of Flanders, Riverside, Riverhead and Northampton all began to experience the same sort of trouble I was having, not only because of the odd streets left out (or that would not fit into the form on the computer) but also because in those adjacent communities there are many streets, almost 40 of them, that have the same name or nearly the same name. And all four communities share the same zip code.

At the time, realizing that the computer sorts names of streets such as “Main Street” by zip code when they come upon a problem, the people of Flanders, (Continued on next page)

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Riverside and Northampton appealed to our local congressman Tim Bishop, and he pushed to get the post office to create a separate zip code for Flanders, Riverside and Northampton. Giving them a zip code separate from that of Riverhead would go a long way toward solving the problem.

You would have thought these three communities were asking to secede from the United States. In spite of all the facts—in addition, the fire and police departments have been known to go the wrong address, as have ambulances on occasion—the Postal Service denied the request.

When Lee Zeldin became our new congressman, he picked up where Tim Bishop had left off and renewed the request in June of 2015. He too

was denied. And so he appealed the denial in October 2015. He appealed it to Postmaster General Megan J. Brennan in Washington. They were both in Washington. They could meet face-to-face. It never happened. Ms. Brennan reportedly never replied. And in July 2016, Zeldin gave up. He'd try a different approach. He would create legislation in Congress that would bring a new zip code, by law, to Riverside, Flanders and Northampton. The people in that community cheered.

At this point, I pause in this story to point out that the federal government and the Postal Service are heavily weighted down in bureaucracy. Consider it. The Postal Service doesn't even answer appeals. Congress doesn't even approve its funding. Putting them together

is inviting some sort of explosion, or at the very least a situation where what gets put in spends two years getting churned up and then finally gets spit out about as it was sent in. And that is what happened.

Zeldin's request got attached to a larger bill called the Postal Service Reform Act of 2016, and we were all encouraged to see that also in there were calls for new zip codes for two other communities—Miami Lakes, Florida, and Storey County, Nevada. This act provided for a post office oversight board of five headed up by a "Chief Innovation Officer," a one-cent increase in certain mail, a higher rate for corporate mail and cluster boxes for delivery when there were housing developments. This act got voted through by the House of Representatives, and then went on to the Senate, which brought it into committee. Everyone was hopeful. The Senate could approve the House's bill, they could do their own bill and have a joint session to make a compromise, or they could put an amendment on the House bill. Months went by. The Senate committee belched. Nothing came out. The bill died there. They were back to square one.

Last year the heavily regulated telephone companies needed another area code on Long Island. They created it. No fuss.

But it's not over. On January 10, 2018, Zeldin's office announced they were introducing a new bill into the House to create a new zip code for Flanders, Riverside and Northampton.

I should like to point out that UPS and FedEx have straightened things out with Three Mile Harbor Hog Creek Road. There was a time at the UPS office on Newtown Lane here in East Hampton that I watched them type in my address and have the label come out Three Mile Harbor Drive. No more. Somehow, they must have disconnected from the Post Office's computer or figured out how to override it. My address also now gets deliveries as Three Mile Harbor H C Rd., maybe because that number of fewer letters fits in the form. The folks up in Riverhead, however, continue to suffer.

UPS consistently tells you it will be one-day delivery and the package comes the next day. Last week, a firm sent me something overnight by USPS Priority Mail service. It not only did not arrive the next day, but a tracking number indicated to me it would arrive in four days. It then arrived in two days.

In the battle for the minds of Americans, I have long been on the side of compassion for others and America's ongoing position in the world as a beacon of hope, rather than as a heartless country no better than any other.

Silly me. Sometimes, in some arenas, the private sector, as heartless as it can often be, does better than the public sector in providing services for its people. I submit postal delivery is one such arena.

And consider this: Last year, the heavily regulated telephone companies needed another area code on Long Island. The population was growing. So they created it. No fuss no muss. That was it. 🐼



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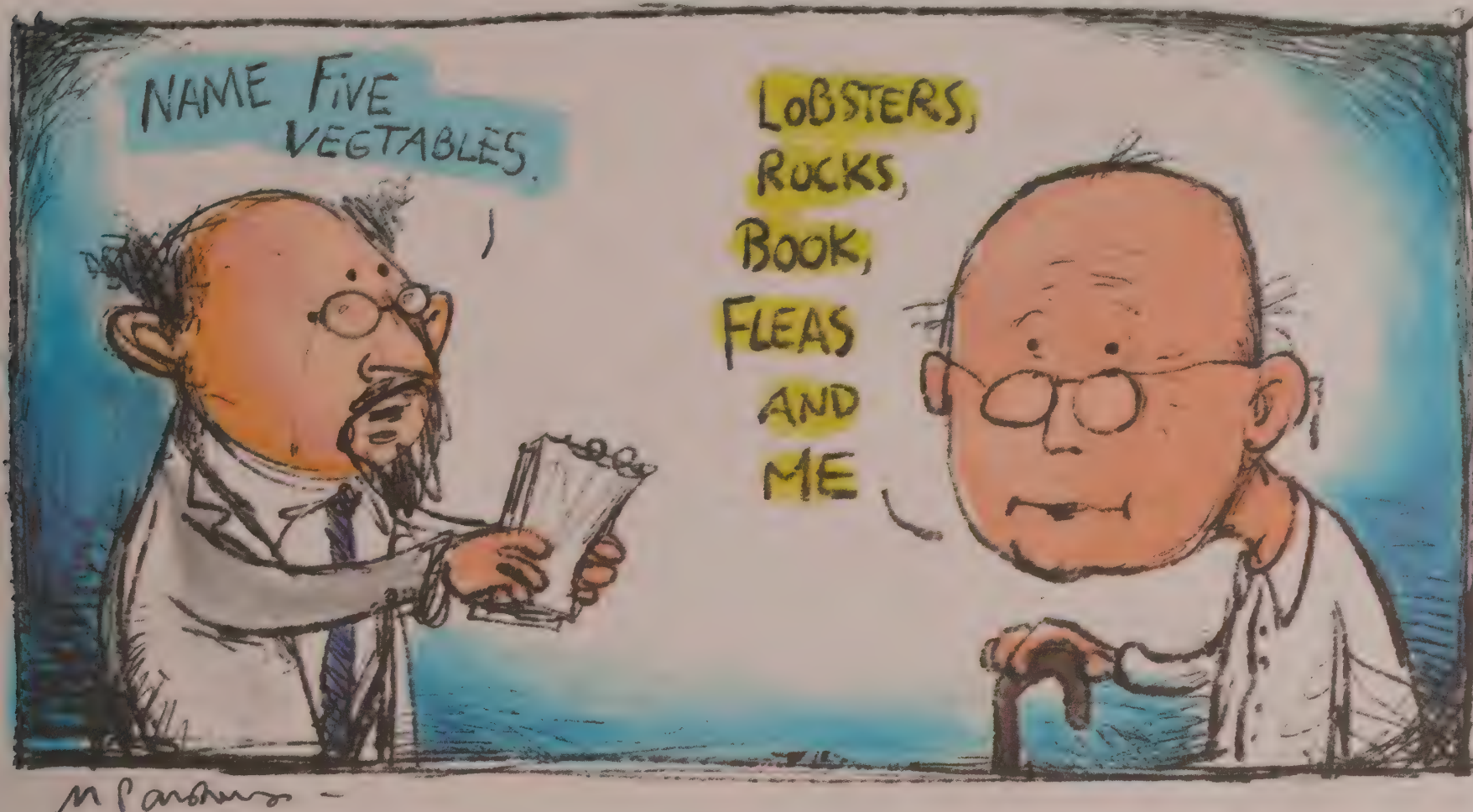
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Fit to Be President

My Doctor Gave Me the Mental Test Trump Took and I Passed

BY DAN RATTINER

As part of my annual physical last Monday, my primary care doctor asked if I'd like to take the same mental acuity test President Trump took last week that showed he was fit to be President of the United States. Mr. Trump is in his 70s. I am in my 70s. I said okay, let's do it.

The whole thing takes about 10 minutes, and I'm here to tell you I have been pronounced fit to be President of the United States. Also, for anybody else who wants to check themselves out, here's what happened. Consider this a sort of crib sheet, if you will—but for the elderly. If you are one of them, pay attention. But no writing anything down.

The Doc sat across from me in her Hampton Bays office and handed me a pen and a clipboard with three pencil drawings on it. One was a circle, the next a triangle and the third a rectangle.

Draw the numbers on the circle to make it the face of the clock, she said. So I did. Little marks for 1 through 12.

Now draw in 10 minutes to 11. Easy. I drew a little hand pointing to almost 11 and a big hand pointing to 10.

I'd heard Trump got that right, too.

"Is that it?" I asked.

"Nope. Look at the drawings again. Which of the three drawings is the largest?"

The rectangle was the largest, and I told her so.

"Good," she said.

She took that piece of paper back and handed me a new piece of paper. In large print were the words APPLE, PEN, CAR, DOG and HOUSE. They were one on top of the other.

"Memorize those," she said. "I am going to ask you to tell them to me later. But first I am going to distract you. Take a minute or two to memorize them. Got it?"

I think I cheated on this but I'm not sure. I remembered them in order by association. I imagined an apple, then somebody sticks a pen in it, then it gets driven off in a car by a dog to a house.

"I think I've got it," I said.

"Okay," she said, "now give the names of 22 different animals. Any animals will do. I will tell you when it's 22."

Cat, dog, horse, crocodile, alligator, goat, fish, bird, lobster," and I went on and on. At one point, I thought I was up to 22, but apparently not. I ended with "albatross, condor, dinosaur and penguin."

"Stop," she said. "Very good. Now I am going to tell you a story. After it, I will ask you seven questions about it. It's about Jack and Jill."

"Okay." Trump did this?

"She married a boy she'd known in high school and they moved to Chicago. She became a stockbroker, then she became a homemaker when she had three kids. After they grew up, she went back to being a stockbroker. Here are the questions. One: What is her name?"

"Her name was not in the story."

"I told you the name of the story."

"She's Jill."

"What business did she go into?"

"Stockbroker"

"Why did she stop being a stockbroker?"

"She became a homemaker when she had three kids."

"What did she do after they were grown?"

"Went back to being a stockbroker."

"When did she meet her husband?"

I couldn't remember.

"She met him in high school. Where did they move to?"

"Chicago."

"What state is that in?"

"Illinois."

"Very good. Six out of seven. Now tell me the words I gave you a while ago."

Easy. I thought. "Apple, pen, car, dog and, uh, I forget the last one."

"It was house," she said. "This was very good. Last question. What day is today?"

I panicked. But I quickly calmed myself. It was Monday. "Monday," I said.

"Good. You passed the test."

So, if anything happens to Mr. Trump, like if he says he is opposed to CHIP after telling everybody he is in favor of it, I'm available to step forward. I can also tell him if he's on Saudi Arabia's side or Qatar's side.

My doctor said she would be sending me a certificate saying I passed. At least I think she said that. I hope you've remembered not to write anything down. That way, you'll forget it. 🐼



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Puppy Bowl, the one-hour special is designed to shine a light on adoptable adult rescue dogs. (Read our interview with Rappaport on DansPapers.com.) What will be heating up the Olympic slopes? Montauker **Ralph Lauren's** USA Winter Olympic uniforms. They make use of a new technology—a weightless ink within the fabric heats up when an athlete directs it to do so via cell phone. Montauk's **Robert De Niro** stars in *The Irishman*, a Netflix gangster film directed by **Martin Scorsese**. It also reunites De Niro with **Al Pacino** and **Joe Pecci**. *The Irishman* is due for release later in 2018, though Netflix has yet to confirm whether it will show in theaters as well as on the company's streaming service. *Dan's Papers* cover artist, Massapequa-based **Yvonne Dagger**, was featured on the Animal Planet show *Cute as Fluff* on Thursday, February 1. It was a real "howl."

Meet the Creatives will record five live podcasts at the Sound View Greenport February 9–11.

Guests will include designer and illustrator **Jon Contino**, VaynerMedia's **Jessica Lomasson**, designer **Juan Carlos Pagan**, photographer **Ahmed Klink** and hotelier **Erik Warner**. There will also be Q&A sessions, a town hall, dining and cocktail options, live music and more. The podcast, started by **Rob Johnston**, a New York-based designer features useful advice from top creatives at companies like Google, Facebook, Nike and Airbnb. In just its second year, it has more than 100,000 downloads in more than 60 countries.

Where they dine: East End eaters are ecstatic to take in dinner and a show at the historic Suffolk Theater in Riverhead these days. None other than chef **Noah Schwartz** of *noah's* in Greenport is now in the kitchen and busily transforming the menu with his unique skill and perspective. Schwartz told *Dan's Papers*: "I'm happy to be there. It's a terrific facility, a new kitchen, a well-done, restored building." Actor **Hugh Jackman** enjoyed a meal at Southampton's 75 Main last week, and Skinnygirl entrepreneur **Bethenny Frankel** grabbed a bite at Union Cantina, also in Southampton. Water Mill's award-winning French eatery *Bistro Été* is closed for "hibernation" until March 15. Their closing night before the break saw a very special celebration for co-owner **Liz Pavlou's** son **Jake**, who's entering the Coast Guard. Go Jake! Coincidentally, *Bistro Été* chef and co-owner **Arie Pavlou** is planning a *Titanic*-themed dinner in April. Last week's Artists and Writers Night at Almond in Bridgehampton featured Sagaponack

farmer/writer/artist **Marilee Foster** in what co-owner **Eric Lemonides** announced was their biggest sold-out event yet. They actually turned the tables and shoved them together so that the two-tops made long, skinny tables throughout the space. The highlight of this gathering for many was the group sing-along of "The Potato Man," based on Foster's childhood puppet show performances, set to the tune of **Billy Joel's** "Piano Man." East Hampton's **Martha Stewart** served up brunch at last weekend's Sun, Wine & Food Festival at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Connecticut. The entertaining expert was joined by **Snoop Dog**, her co-host of VH1's *Martha and Snoop's Potluck Dinner Party*. Rumor has it that pastry chef **Bunnii Buglione** is eyeing a spot along Riverhead's historic Main Street for a craft café!

Workman Publishing declared January 26 **Suzanne Rafer** Day in honor of the retiring editor. Attendees included authors **Sandra Boynton**, **Steven Raichlen** and **Katie Workman**, as well as hundreds of other notable foodies. Rafer, editor of classics including *The Silver Palate Cookbook* and *What to Expect When You're Expecting*, as well as 316 other titles—selling a whopping 108,000,000 books and counting—plans to spend more time at her Sag Harbor estate with husband **Danny Peary**, after a well-earned trip to Hawaii.

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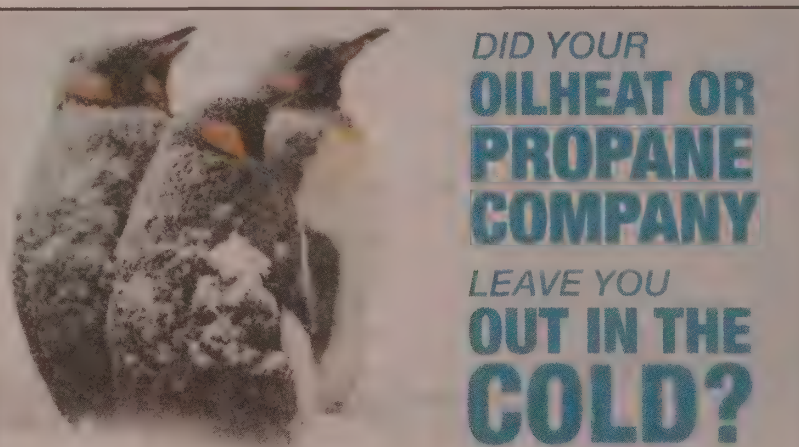
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This Week's Cover Artist: Pamela Topham

BY BRIAN CUDZILO

HONORING THE ARTIST



The most difficult part of creating the tapestry featured on this week's cover was weaving the snow. The artist, Pamela Topham, had to find just the right whites. So she did what any dedicated artist would do. "I ordered wool from the UK, Norway and Australia." But that snow

has a reflective quality to it. To capture that, "Various weights of silk in grays, blues, palest pink and yellow were ordered from a dyer in Vancouver." It's that dedication to craft that separates the wheat from the chaff.

What was the inspiration for this piece?

Long Beach in Sag Harbor has been a place of constant inspiration and pleasure to me for many years. A few years ago I wove a Long Beach tapestry, "Water Music," that came from the sounds of water and the feelings provoked by early morning walks at Long Beach. The cover tapestry, "February 2015," in contrast, was inspired by winter weather so uncommonly severe for the East End that the seascape was silent and frozen from the shore to the horizon, covered with snow and much too cold for a walk. During the January big chill of 2018 I visited the three cedars of this tapestry and they seemed the same.

How did you start creating tapestries?

After being exposed to the glorious textiles of Guatemala for a winter, I arrived home to note that Guild Hall had a tapestry class. That was the beginning of a long and winding road of various teachers, books, self-teaching and finally winding up with the great privilege of joining Master Weavers Archie Brennan and Susan Martin Maffei's Wednesday group tapestry workshop.

Is there anywhere locally that aspiring tapestry artists can hone their craft?

I'm unaware of any local tapestry classes currently. One could find tapestry workshops and exhibitions through the American Tapestry Alliance.

You've lived in many uncommonly beautiful places and traveled to find others. Is there one place that stands out, from an artistic perspective, as most beautiful or inspiring?

Living in an uncommonly beautiful place such as the East End—a land of sand and sea, waterways, farmland and abundant vistas to inspire many an artist—it's interesting to find other compelling sites. In the last few years I've gone on sketching tours on cross-country road trips, visited National Parks and enjoyed places in between. I've also been an Artist in Residence in Costa Rica and the Czech Republic. All these places have fed my artist's visions. While I'm enthralled with desert plateaus, canyons and mountains, Eastern Long Island keeps me



constantly finding new sights that feed my creativity.

You also do commissions. Could you talk about that process?

Commissions are a collaboration between the artist and client that provides an opportunity to create a work that is especially meaningful to the client for a particular location. After a discussion about the size, budget, schedule and subject of the tapestry, usually I do on-site,

colored pencil drawings. I have also worked from multiple photographs of a particular place from the travels of a client. After the drawing is approved, a deposit is given and the tapestry is on my schedule and the silk and wool is ordered. When the tapestry is completed it is delivered and installed.

Do you have any upcoming exhibitions?

The extensive exhibition at the Guild Hall Museum last fall required two years of preparation. I'm still in the process of returning borrowed work and delivering sold tapestries. There are no immediate plans for another exhibition, though I'm looking for an appropriate venue for the future. Meanwhile, I'm weaving a layered tapestry of the Hoh Rainforest in Olympic National Park in Washington, where I hiked years ago. 🌲

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The Record Company Rocks WHBPAC Feb. 10

BY DANIEL KOONTZ

The Record Company is coming to the Hamptons, spinning into the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center on Saturday, February 10 at 8 p.m. The Record Company is Chris Vos on guitar and lead vocals, Alex Stiff on bass and backing vocals, and Mike Cazorla on drums and backing vocals. Although the band has been around since 2011, they really started to get airplay in 2016 with the release of their first full-length CD *Give It Back to You*. With hits like "Off the Ground" and "Rita Mae Young," this three-piece out of California plays a throbbing blend of blues and rock that will keep your head bobbing all night.

Given that the band's name is The Record Company, you might be expecting to hear a night full of pop hooks and slick productions. Isn't that the stereotype of what record companies want out of their artists? But clearly the band's name is meant somewhat sarcastically, as the music they make is raw and intense, to some degree modeled on the scorching power of early electric blues.

"That's some of our favorite stuff to listen to," says guitarist and lead singer Chris Vos. "Somebody like John Lee Hooker—obviously we can never emulate that sound or his experience, but as a young artist you hear that authenticity and it's inspiring." So when it comes to making records, The Record Company works to capture some of the magic of the bare-bones recordings of the

legendary electric blues players.

Part of that specific kind of magic, says Vos, is tied to spontaneity. It's a spontaneity that they're always trying to achieve. "We write it and we cut it," he says. "What you get is the sound of the song being born. If it's exciting you're gonna know—it makes you feel something." The goal is not a recording without flubs or rhythmic mistakes—the goal is a direct communication of excitement and feeling to the listener.

This method of working hearkens back to the earliest days of rock, when as-yet-unknown performers stopped into small recording studios to take a stab at making a hit record. They weren't trying to make perfectly played masterpieces, but they did manage to convey the fun and excitement of the new style they were inventing—a different kind of perfection which has come to be highly prized. In the years since, artists like Bob Dylan and Neil Young have often worked this way in the studio—trying to capture what Dylan called the "wild, thin mercury sound." And now The Record Company has joined this tradition.

A similar philosophy guides the band's approach to playing live, where communication with the audience happens even more directly. "All of the



Mark, Chris and Alex

guys in the band are big fans of the Grateful Dead," says Vos. "Every show is different, I never try to anticipate." Again, it's an openness to spontaneity, allowing the members of the band to make spur-of-the-moment decisions about how and what to play depending on the energy flowing between the band and the audience. "That energy exchange is what can lead to the best thing, which is a collective experience."

According to Vos, the Westhampton show will be the band's second foray into the Hamptons—the last time around, the band played at the Stephen Talkhouse in Amagansett. "I remember that show very well. It was a blast!" WHBPAC is obviously a very different type of venue, both in size and character. Moving into the larger venue won't be a problem for the band, though. "We've played in living rooms and small clubs, and then we've played at Madison Square Garden. You have to find a way to get your band to be your band in any space. Don't try to force the experience—we want to allow it to occur. Between the band and the audience we build that fire together." 🐼

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Whenever Writers Speak, Writers Should Listen

BY SARAH STOSS

With a new year comes a new lineup of extraordinary writers visiting Stony Brook Southampton for the Writers Speak Wednesday reading series. This season's lineup is longer than in the past, due to the awarding of the Stony Brook Presidential Mini-Grant for Departmental Diversity. "This benefits MFA students because it's a way to expose ourselves to authors, aesthetics, genres, cultures and perspectives beyond what our full-time faculty can provide," says Anthony Dipietro, current MFA student who worked with faculty liaison Emily Smith Gilbert to receive the grant. "It can also create lasting ties between the program and the wider field of writers out there. I know I couldn't be more excited about this semester's lineup."

The opening night of the series is only the beginning in a long list of exciting and diverse writers. **Donald Breckenridge**, author of four novels and editor of two anthologies will read, on February 7. Breckenridge is also Fiction Editor of the *Brooklyn Rail*, and co-founder of InTranslation, a venue for outstanding work in translation and a resource for translators, authors, editors and publishers seeking to collaborate.

On February 14, poet, performer, educator, organizer and poetry editor **Sam Sax** reads. Sax is the author of *Bury It and Madness*, which was selected as the winner of the National Poetry Series by Terrance Hayes. Following Sax, **Judith Newman** will read on February 21. Newman is a journalist and author who has written for *Ladies Home Journal*, *Parade*, *People* and *The New York Times Book Review* and is the author of the bestseller *To Siri With Love: A Mother*,



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Debbie Kwan reads Wednesday, April 18

Her Autistic Son, and *The Kindness of Machines*.

The month of March will begin with fiction writer **Lee Clay Johnson**, author of *Nitro Mountain*, which won the 2017 Sue Kaufman First Fiction Prize. Johnson received his MFA from the University of Virginia, and his work has appeared in numerous journals. To close out the month, the one and only **Jericho Brown** will be reading on March 21. Brown's first poetry collection, *Please*, won the 2009 American Book Award. His second collection, *The New Testament*, was named one of the year's best by the Academy of American Poets. Brown is the recipient of the Whiting Writers Award and fellowships from the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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The series finishes strong during the month of April. On April 18, fiction writer and journalist **Daniel Alarcon** and poet **Debbie Kwan** read. Alarcon is the author of the novel *The King is Always Above the People*. He is also a journalist whose work has appeared in *The New Yorker* and *Harper's*. He currently teaches at Columbia University's School of Journalism. Kwan was the recipient of a Fulbright fellowship, an Iowa fellowship, and residencies at Yaddo and the MacDowell Colony, and is the author of two poetry collections, *Xing* and *Lunch Portraits*.

April 25 features two exceptional writers. The first is memoirist **Melissa Febos**, author of the memoir *Whip Smart* and the essay collection *Abandon Me*. She is a professor at Monmouth University. Her colleague, also a professor at Monmouth, will be reading alongside her. **Alex Gilvarry** is the author of *From the Memories of a Non-Enemy Combatant* and the novel *Eastman Was Here*.

Writers Speak Wednesday receptions begin at 6:30 p.m., readings begin at 7 p.m. in the Radio Lounge on the second floor of Chancellors Hall at Stony Brook Southampton, 239 Montauk Highway, Southampton. Call 631-632-5030, or visit stonybrook.edu/southampton for more info.

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Eliza Werner will re-open the main building of her **Sage Street Antiques** complex on the corner of Sage Street and Route 114 in Sag Harbor over Presidents Day weekend. Antiques fans have made do with the contents of her smaller building on Sage Street over the winter. They will be lining up for a piece of history soon...114 Division Street, Sag



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When: February 2, 6 a.m.-noon

Where: YMCA East Hampton RECenter, 2 Gingerbread Lane, East Hampton

What: Annual event to raise money for continued aquatic instruction and drowning prevention programming for the 1,300+ youth the YMCA serves in its "School-to-Swim" and Summer Camp. Whether your sweetheart is your best friend or significant other, your combined swim distance and donations can earn you prizes including a dinner for two.

Contact: 631-329-6884, ymcali.org

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All Those Years Ago: George Harrison's 75th Birthday Tribute

When: February 2, 8 p.m.

Where: Patchogue Theatre, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue

What: Remember the incredible life and music history of master musician and lead Beatles guitarist George Harrison with this live birthday concert.

Contact: 631-207-1313, patchoguetheatre.org

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Intro to Country Woodworking

When: February 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: Hallockville Museum Farm, 6038 Sound Avenue, Riverhead

What: Join North Fork woodworker Tom Barry for this three-hour exploration of pre-18th century country woodworking. Use the tools and techniques of early settlers to make furniture, tools and kitchenware from fresh-cut greenwood.

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ART

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When: February 3, 10 a.m.

Where: Parrish Art Museum, 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill

What: With guidance from Pamela Collins, students ages 11-18 develop observation and mixed media techniques inspired by works on view in the Museum's galleries.

Contact: 631-283-2118, parrishart.org

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When: February 3, 10:30 a.m.

Where: South Fork Natural History Museum, 377 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton

What: Join Ashley as she reads the book *Octopus Escapes Again!* by Laurie Ellen Angus and discover how these clever cephalopods are able to escape predators as well as being effortless fishermen. Afterwards, perform experiments and make an octopus craft of our own to take home!

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Turns out the "Minneapolis Miracle" was a one-hit wonder and now Philadelphia Eagles fans are reveling in their team's first return to the Big Game since 2005. Not to mention a shot at redemption. The last time the Eagles were vying for the Lombardi Trophy, they lost to the last team to repeat as Super Bowl Champions...yes, the Patriots.

When it comes to story lines, this game is not lacking on either sideline. So where does this leave us, here on the East End, our local teams looking more forward to the draft than to Super Sunday? Unless you have a ticket to U.S. Bank Stadium, then it leaves you right here—and there's nowhere else we'd rather be as Super Bowl LII kicks off on February 4. No, we may not have the best teams this year, but we do have the Best of the Best ways to make the day memorable.

If you're headed out to enjoy the fun, the odds are in your favor at one of the Dan's Best of the Best Sports Bar winners. In the Hamptons, the lineup includes 78 Foster Bar & Grill in Hampton Bays, Fellingham's Restaurant in Southampton, Buckley's Inn Between in Hampton Bays and

Mercado Mexican Grill & Tequila Bar in Bridgehampton. On the North Fork, there's Digger's in Riverhead, Phil's Restaurant in Wading River, The All Star in Riverhead, O'Malley's in Southold and Sophie's in Southold.

Of course, there's also the time-honored tradition of watching the Super Bowl at home, and everyone knows you can't have a Super Bowl party without wings. "Not serving wings on Super Bowl Sunday is like not serving turkey on Thanksgiving," says Arthur Wolf, owner and chef of East Hampton's Smokin' Wolf BBQ & More!—the reigning platinum winner of Dan's Best of the Best for wings on the South Fork. "We brine our wings for 24 hours, then cook them in our smoker in the brine liquid. This cooking method is confit style," Wolf adds. After they cool and are then fried, "we toss them in our Smokin' Wolf Hot BBQ Sauce." Victory.

Where to find the best wings wherever you happen to be is the perpetual question, and we have the answer. In addition to Smokin' Wolf, other Best of the Best "wingeries" on the East End include John Scott's Surf Shack in Westhampton Beach, 78 Foster Restaurant & Bar in Hampton Bays, Boom! Burger in Mattituck (they also have a joint in Westhampton Beach), Buckley's Inn Between in Hampton Bays, Phil's Restaurant & Sports Lounge in Wading River, Maple Tree BBQ in Riverhead, North Fork Bacon & Smokehouse in Wading River, and Jerry and the Mermaid in Riverhead.

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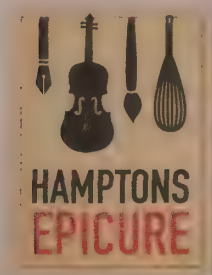
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A New Book for Eaters Everywhere

BY STACY DERMONT



What is the simplest eating utensil? A chopstick. Number two might be the spoon—a “stick” with a bowl at one end. It’s universal, represented throughout the ages in every culture. But the spoon is as varied and fascinating as it is common, as evidenced in *Spoon*, a new book from Pointed Leaf Press

by designer Daniel Rozensztroch. This stunning volume invites the viewer to probe, mix, fold in, compound and otherwise incorporate his or her thoughts about...the spoon. Pointed Leaf Press has gained a reputation—and numerous awards—for publishing photography-driven monographs since its founding in 2002. *Spoon* is a brilliant addition to this body of work.

Serving spoons and measuring spoons are just the beginning, included in the hundreds of depictions of spoons are scoops, strainers and ladles. Have you ever imagined a spoon whose bowl is made from an abalone shell with natural holes for drainage? No need, it’s already documented by *Spoon*. Indeed, *Spoon* proves that if you can dream up a spoon, someone has already made it.

This book’s graphics are breathtaking for kitchenalia fanatics like me—the words are few, the photos are intense spoon porn. Deftly divided into chapters that sort Rozensztroch’s vast collection into Wood, Glass, Mother of Pearl, Bone (which includes ivory), Metal, Horn, Ceramic, Enamel and Porcelain, the masterful photography by Francis Amiand sets spoons, and groups of spoons, against simple wallpapers.

The publisher of this new tome is Sag Harbor’s own Suzanne Slesin. (Who is, like me, a regular of Sag Harbor’s Sage Street Antiques.) “I’ve known Daniel for over 30 years,” she recalls. “This thing is really the everyday item—a very focused point of view. Last year when I was visiting in Paris he had 2,000 spoons in his collection and I said, ‘This is the moment!’—we photographed *Spoon* over three days.”

What’s next for this dynamic duo? Slesin says, regarding Rozensztroch’s vast collection of various objects, “How can we bring this life together? All his



life of collecting together in one book—that’s our future project.” She continues, “He’s very unusual. He really has an eye—I’ve been to flea markets with him.” Rozensztroch is artistic director at Merci, the famed Paris concept store, and he serves as editorial advisor to leading French interior magazine *Marie Claire Maison*.

Slesin says, “I’m always looking for new projects. To do these books you have to find someone who has a collection. If someone has a fantastic fork collection we’d consider it—we’re reporters.”

In a revealing interview titled “The Subconscious of a Spoon Collector,” which opens the book, Dr. Suzanne Czernichow stirs things up by posing questions like, “Could the spoon symbolize an impending separation for the child?” And thoughts that resonate like, “As we know, the foundations of contentment and creativity are established during childhood.” Rozensztroch shares, “Reflection is what interests me...a single object does not tell a story, but a group of objects or a collection can create a story.”

As Slesin explains, “I like a lot of the spoons for different reasons—the unique, the ordinary, the handmade. I love the one on the back cover—an abstract conceptual spoon, very beautiful. At this point in my life I’m drawn to wood things I never was before. I also love the ceramic ones—they’re artistic, I have a few myself, they’re not the most practical things in the world, but they’re beautiful. On page 47 there’s a spoon featuring a mother-of-pearl portrait of a woman—it’s quite an extraordinary thing to put an image there, it’s obviously not an ordinary object but a reverential one. I love the patina, the size of the two tin spoons on page 107. For such an ordinary thing, it has quite a fantastic shape.”

My personal favorite from this book is a tiny bone spoon that folds out from a Swiss-army-knife-like construction. Was it for snuff?

Did Rozensztroch purchase any of his spoons from Sage Street? Slesin says, “He probably did buy some spoons from Sage Street Antiques—every time he’s in the Hamptons, that’s one of our first stops.”

Daniel Rozensztroch’s other books include *Brush*, *Kitchen Ceramics*, *Glass*, *Hangers and Wire*. See more of Pointed Leaf Press’s offerings—including Jack Lenor Larsen’s *Learning from Longhouse*—on pointedleafpress.com. *Spoon* is available locally from Sylvester & Co., 103 Main Street, Sag Harbor, sylvesterandco.com. In June, Pointed Leaf Press will release a book on the work of designer Mark Epstein that features a number of Hamptons homes.



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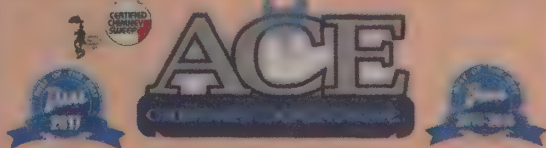
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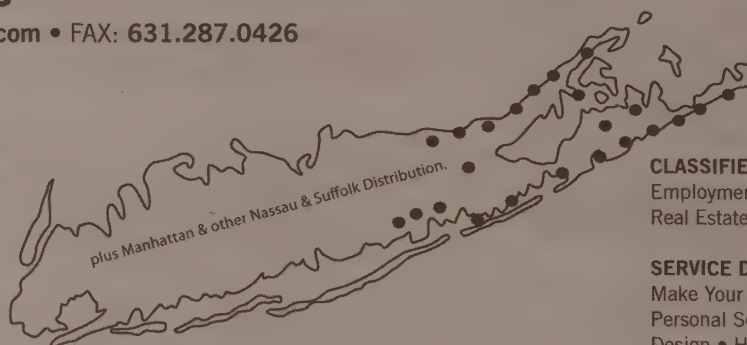
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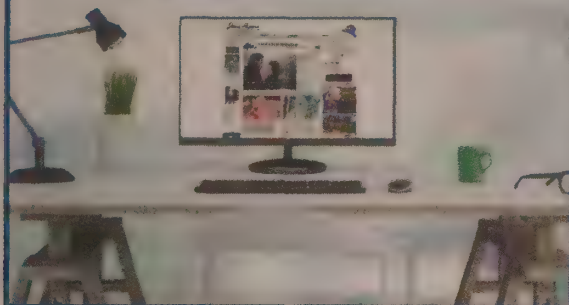
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BY LAURA EULER

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Goose Creek also has some not-so-great features. It's a very strange looking house on the exterior. There's a traditional shingled part (with quoins. For heaven's sake, there is just nothing more ridiculous than fake quoins, which are decorative stone corner blocks, on a shingled house. Get rid of them!), with an odd tacked-on Mediterranean stucco part. To whoever buys the property: Get a good architect to fix the exterior, please.

We do think, though, that the owners have done a great job renovating and modernizing the interiors. Back when Goose Creek last sold in 2014, the interiors

were extremely dated and 90s. Now the interiors look fresh and bright with stylish contemporary furniture.

Also, while we guess the 110-seat screening room is pretty nice, these days your average multiplex has way more comfortable chairs, farther apart, with cup holders, these days.

Goose Creek first went onto the market back when dinosaurs roamed the earth (we think it was 2004) asking a similarly huge \$26 million. As pages flew off the calendar, the price was eventually lowered, until after a mere 10 years on the market, the property sold for \$10.55 million. Now, represented by Michael Schultz and Susan Ryan at Corcoran, the asking price is \$16 million. We don't think that's a bad price at all, given the generous lot size.

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BY LAURA EULER

You read on BehindtheHedges.com that the fourth quarter of 2017 produced strong sales in the Hamptons, but the North Fork also put in a very solid three months, according to the report put out by Town & Country. Judi Desiderio, president of Town & Country, comments: "The North Fork markets are just beginning to hit their stride! With millennials jumping into home ownership, the price points are very manageable and the quality of life is wonderful. I predict we'll see prices increase at a healthy, steady pace. Good inventory remains at historically low levels." The number of home sales was up nearly 20% on the North Fork, from 92 to

110 compared to the same quarter in 2016, and total home sales volume (the price of all home sales combined) up 13% to \$69,635,970.

That said, the total median home sales price for the quarter was \$531,500, less than 1% higher than 2016 same quarter. The greatest statistical jump was in the price range between \$1 million and \$2 million, which was 71.4% higher compared year over year (going from 7 sales in 2016 to 12 in 2017).

As for towns, Southold (which includes New Suffolk and Peconic) boasted 62% more in number of home sales and 54% greater total home sales volume year over year, while median home sales price remained relatively stable at \$565,000. The Jamesport area (including Aquebogue, Baiting Hollow and South

Jamesport) did well, with 42% more home sales, 42% more sales volume and the median home sales price up 23% at \$475,000. Mattituck (which includes Laurel and Cutchogue) had the highest median home sales price of \$595,000. Orient (including East Marion and Greenport) was the one laggard, with 13% fewer home sales and a 23% drop in sales volume (from \$16,429,684 in Q4 2016 to \$12,591,928 same quarter 2017).

Our take? With prices so affordable compared to the South Fork, the only place to go is up in these markets. 🏡

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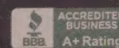
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